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**CC:** Piro, Peter (DPH) [/O=COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS/OU=MassMail-01/cn=Recipients/cn=Peter.Piro]  
**Subject:** RE: re-test drugs

Hi All,

I just reviewed the record on this case and although Gao was the primary chemist, Peter Piro was the GC/MS confirmatory chemist. Peter is still here at the laboratory.

Gao analyzed one bag out of three with a net weight of 2.52 grams and this is not a trafficking case. I would suggest that Peter is capable of reviewing Gao's notes and providing testimony.

Barrett, let us know your thoughts about that. Retesting is discouraged and an option of last resort. Any inquiries of that nature must be directed to Julianne Nassif, Director of Analytical Chemistry.

Hope that helps,

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**From:** Khan, Annie (DPH)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 12, 2011 9:24 AM  
**To:** Salemi, Charles (DPH); Hyde, Barrett (SUF)  
**Cc:** O'Brien, Elisabeth (DPH)  
**Subject:** FW: re-test drugs  
Hi Charles and/or Elisabeth,

I received this email (see below) in regards to one of Gao's sample. I have informed Barrett that Gao is retired and unavailable for court testimony.

Could you please advise him on how to address or proceed on this matter?

Thanks in advance.

Annie

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**From:** Hyde, Barrett (SUF)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 12, 2011 8:35 AM  
**To:** Khan, Annie (DPH)  
**Subject:** re-test drugs

Annie –

Good news. I am downtown now so you don't have to come out to beautiful Chelsea anymore to visit.

I have a couple of quick question for you. I just got assigned a 2003 case that may need to be retried because of Melendaz-Diaz. The Cert # is [REDACTED] and was tested by Xiu Ying Gao.

First, is Xiu Ying Gao even still around. I think not.

Second, since she is the only one who tested the Cocaine and she might not be around is there any possibility of doing a retest?

Hope you are well. Thanks,

**Barrett Hyde**

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